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WASHINGTON, September 24, 1984 -- Orders for new freight cars totaled 785 in August, compared with 607 in July and 287 in August 1983, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

The August figures brought the total for the first eight months of this year to 11,831 orders, compared with 3,851 through August 1983.

Cars placed in service in August totaled 1,300, compared with 1,327 in July and 540 in August 1983. Cumulative installations for the first eight months of the year were 7,615, compared with 3,316 a year earlier.

As of September 1, the backlog of cars on order but undelivered was 6,306 cars, compared with 6,821 on August 1, and 3,755 on September 1, 1983. Average monthly backlog so far this year is 6,498, compared with 4,241 at the same time last year.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 59 locomotives were placed in service in August, compared with 93 in July and 22 in August 1983. So far this year, 343 locomotives have been put into service, compared with 158 at the same time last year.

As of September 1, the backlog of locomotives on order but undelivered was 225, compared with 159 on August 1, and 157 on July 1, 1983.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives on September 1 totaled 24,786, compared with 24,857 on August 1 and 26,087 on September 1, 1983.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED
AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS
ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	August		July	Six Months	
	1984	1983	1984	1984	1983
Built New by Car Builders	1,300	469	1,327	7,615	3,016
Built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	200
Built New - Total	1,300	469	1,327	7,615	3,216
Rebuilt	0	71	0	0	100
TOTAL DELIVERED	1,300	540	1,327	7,615	3,316
Locomotives	59	22	93	343	158

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	785	287	607	11,581	3,748
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	250	3
To be built New - Total	785	287	607	11,831	3,751
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	100
TOTAL ORDERED	785	287	607	11,831	3,851

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	September 1		August 1	Average	
	1984	1983	1984	1984	1983
To be built New by Car Builders	6,056	3,752	6,571	6,404	4,173
To be built New in R.R. Shops	250	3	250	94	34
To be built New - Total	6,306	3,755	6,821	6,498	4,207
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	34
TOTAL ON ORDER	6,306	3,755	6,821	6,498	4,241
Locomotives	225	157	159	165	116

Orders, Deliveries and Backlog Include Estimates for Tank Cars

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